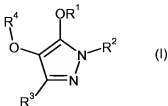


Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or derivative thereof, wherein:

R¹ is a five or six-membered, aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, OR¹¹, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, R⁷ or R¹¹;

R² is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR⁵, -OR¹⁰, -CN, -CO₂R⁷, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁵OR⁵, -CONR⁵NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵R¹⁰, -NR⁵COR⁵, -NR⁵COR⁸, -NR⁵COR¹⁰, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂NR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹;

R³ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, -CN, -OR⁷, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -OR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -NR⁵COR⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹;

R⁴ is phenyl, or naphthyl or pyridyl, each being optionally substituted by R⁸, halo, -CN, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -CONR⁵R⁵, OR¹¹, So,R⁶, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-CONR⁵R⁵, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, or O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁶;

each R⁵ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or, when two R⁵ groups are attached to the same nitrogen atom, those two groups taken together with the nitrogen atom to

~~which they are attached represent azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl or morpholinyl, said azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl and morpholinyl being optionally substituted by C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;~~

each R⁶ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁸ is a five or six-membered, aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, fluoro(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁹ is a four to seven-membered, saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing (i) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 nitrogen heteroatom and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom, said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by oxo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -SO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -COOR⁵, -CO-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁵ or -COR⁵ and optionally substituted on a carbon atom which is not adjacent to a heteroatom by halo, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵, -NR⁵COOR⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵ or -CN;

R¹⁰ is C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by R⁸, R⁹, -OR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵ or -NR⁵R⁵;

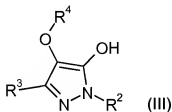
R¹¹ is phenyl optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl; and

x is 0, 1 or 2.

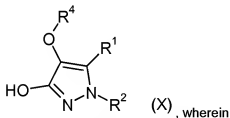
2. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, diluents or carriers.
3. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2 comprising one or more additional therapeutic agents.

4 – 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (III), (IV) or (X)



R¹-OH (IV);



R¹ is a five or six-membered, aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, OR¹¹, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₈ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, R⁷ or R¹¹;

R² is H, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -OR⁵, -OR¹⁰, -CN, -CO₂R⁷, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -C(=NR⁵)NR⁵OR⁵, -CONR⁵NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, -NR⁵R¹⁰, -NR⁵COR⁸, -NR⁵COR⁹, -NR⁵COR¹⁰, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂NR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹;

R³ is H, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, halo, -CN, -OR⁷, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹, said C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl being optionally substituted by halo, -

CN, -OR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -OCONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CO₂R⁵, -NR⁶R⁶, -NR⁵COR⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, R⁸ or R⁹.

R⁴ is phenyl or naphthyl, each being optionally substituted by R⁸, halo, -CN, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -CONR⁵R⁵, OR¹¹, SO₂R⁶, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-CONR⁵R⁵, O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, or O-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁶.

each R⁵ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

each R⁶ is independently either H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁷ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁸ is a five or six-membered, aromatic heterocyclic group containing (i) from 1 to 4 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 or 2 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom(s), said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by halo, oxo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, fluoro(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R⁹ is a four to seven-membered, saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing (i) 1 or 2 nitrogen heteroatom(s) or (ii) 1 nitrogen heteroatom and 1 oxygen or 1 sulphur heteroatom or (iii) 1 oxygen or sulphur heteroatom, said heterocyclic group being optionally substituted by oxo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, -SO₂R⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -COOR⁵, -CO-(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-OR⁵ or -COR⁵ and optionally substituted on a carbon atom which is not adjacent to a heteroatom by halo, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵, -NR⁵COOR⁵, -NR⁵CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵ or -CN;

R¹⁰ is C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted by R⁸, R⁹, -OR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵COR⁵ or -NR⁵R⁵;

R¹¹ is phenyl optionally substituted by halo, -CN, -COR⁵, -CONR⁵R⁵, -SO₂NR⁵R⁵, -NR⁵SO₂R⁵, -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁵, -(C₁-C₆ alkylene)-NR⁵R⁵, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl; and

x is 0, 1 or 2.